

To whom it may concern,

I am alarmed to learn that my fledgling wireless Internet service business may be required to collect Universal Service Funds as though we were a competitive LEC. We have no experience with the burdensome business of collecting and keeping track of funds which, in many cases, amount to free interest-earning capital for the incumbents. I would have to take one of my handful of employees, train him or her in this arduous process, and shunt money from my small-town customers into the pockets of Qwest and Alltel.

I struggled to set up wireless service in a few small towns where these Goliaths have refused to serve customers with DSL, so that citizens there could enjoy the same kind of broadband that people do in more heavily populated and lucrative cities. In requiring these folks to make USF contributions, you would be forcing them and only them to pay for upgrades in service that the ILEC's are apparently never going to make.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Eric Erlandson, VP, Internet Nebraska